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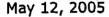
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June 30	Ann Hepenstal	Approximately 12 years
	Helena Cohen	17 years
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	Art Persyko	25 years



Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW in San Francisco

MAY 1 8 2005
FCC - MAILROOM

Dear Madam/Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of my local public radio station, KALW in San Francisco. As a regular, dedicated listener of the station for over 8 years, I need to tell you why, in my view, it is vital that KALW's broadcast license be renewed.

In addition to National Public Radio and Public Radio International programming, KALW broadcasts a wide array of voices. This ranges from the BBC to the CBC to excellent locally produced programs. The station values and 'listens' to the opinions and requests of its members. In doing so, a truly public and diverse voice is heard here. They are fiscally responsible, and utilize their funding wisely and with great care.

I highly value and count on hearing their independent programming, and think there would be a void in Bay Area airwaves without KALW. I respectfully request that the FCC renew the license of this excellent radio station. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Fayad

1180 Union Street San Francisco, CA 94109

cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC

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May 17, 2005

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

To the Secretary:

I am writing to provide the strongest possible support for the renewal of the license of radio station KALW in San Francisco. I have been a listener and a financial supporter of this station for almost twenty years, and, as one of their fund-raising T-shirts announces, I consider it "My Station in Life."

Although we have four non-commercial radio stations in the Bay Area, KALW is for me the premiere and most deserving one. Along with the national news and information programs available elsewhere, it offers extensive original local programming that ranges from folk to classical music, all unavailable elsewhere. The locally-produced discussions of technology and on West Coast Live are invaluable sources of ideas and culture. I cannot name all of the programs I regularly listen to or tape, but across the board I am impressed by the professionalism of the staff and the responsiveness of the station to the listeners. I am proud to support it.

I do not know what initially motivated a challenge to the renewal of this license, but I gather there are no complaints outstanding at present. I urge you to renew the work of KALW as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Estelle B. Freedman

Robinson Professor in U.S. History

cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission



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May 17, 2005

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554.

Re: KALW Licensing Proceeding at the FCC

Dear M. Secretary,

I have been a supporter and regular listener of KALW for more than 10 years, and I cannot imagine not having this valuable source of information and entertainment available to me.

Please decide favorably on this licensing issue to keep KALW on the air for the benefit of listeners/supporters like me and the greater San Francisco community.

Sincerely.

Loeta Rogers

KALW Member/Listener

615 First Avenue

Crockett, CA 94525

CC:

Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

KALW Radio, San Francisco

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May 24, 2005

Re: Renewal of KALW Broadcasting License

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is now considering whether the license of KALW, FM 91.7, should be renewed.

This matter is one of great concern to the San Francisco community as a whole and to individual lives of San Francisco residents. I grew up on radio, and it continues to be the primary medium through which I stay in touch with the local community and the world. KALW has been my main station since I moved to San Francisco ten years ago. It has by far the most diverse and intelligent local programming of any FM station in the Bay Area. Indeed, it is one of the best stations I have ever heard on the FM dial across the country. KALW's excellent programming includes school district information, broadcast, reviews and analysis of community news and cultural events, and real-time announcements of local concern.

KALW manages to do a superlative job of covering San Francisco culture and issues while also excelling in innovative broadcast of regional, national and international programming.

Hometown information and personality, local accessibility, and an intelligent global reach—this combination makes KALW the jewel of the airwaves in San Francisco, an educational community station in every sense. It would be nothing short of catastrophic for San Francisco to lose this unique station. I urge you to renew KALW's license to broadcast.

Sincerely,

Karin Beii

cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC



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Kevin Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

#### Dear Commissioners:

May 18, 2005

I recommend that all actions in the case of KALW FM 91.7, and its owner, the San Francisco Unified School District (MB Docket No. 04-191) be dropped for the reasons that follow:

First, the petitioner is a defunct organization that is no longer active in its challenge to the station, so it is questionable that support for the complaint continues to exist if there is no active petitioner, and no successor with demonstrated standing to represent the alleged charges. Second, the complaint filing occurred in 1997 - EIGHT years ago. Since then, KALW has undergone several significant management changes and the San Francisco Unified School District, which owns the station, has taken active steps in correcting the situation surrounding the complaint. Third, even when originally submitted. the FCC judged charges against KALW and its owner to be flimsy and poorly-supported, in addition to being improperly submitted.

Thus now, in 2005, what case remains? I can see none.

In fact, in contrast to the claims made against the station, its most recent managerial change has made KALW more responsive than ever to its community of listeners. For example. I know of no other station where the manager hosts a live, on-air public meeting to take comments, complaints and suggestions from the community. Even to a mere listener, it is clear that management and procedural changes have improved enormously since the time of the original complaint. Further action against the station or owner will imperil the financial stability and responsive capacity of this very important public resource.

KALW – aside from its historic place in American radio broadcasting or its communityowned status - deserves to continue in its present form and under its own auspices because of the unique role it plays in the radio venue in the San Francisco Bay Area. For discerning listeners, KALW is the only Bay Area station that provides truly balanced and diverse perspectives on issues of local relevance. In contrast, KQED has become a mega-station providing almost exclusively a nationally programmed format from NPR and PRI; while KPFA covers local issues largely from extreme perspectives.

As a very active listener and member of KALW, I would be happy to provide numerous specific examples of the ways in which KALW serves its community uniquely and effectively, and remain available to do so as requested by the Commission or KALW.





However, to be brief, I join supporters of this important community-owned radio station in simply urging the FCC to drop the case against KALW, and I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tina McRee

KALW member since 2001

Richmond CA

Cc: Chief Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

Nicole Sawaya, Station Manager, KALW



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25 May 2005



RE: KALW Hearing

Sirs,

FCC - MAILROOM

I have heard the announcement that KALW has been making every afternoon regarding an upcoming hearing. While I don't know anything about the specific time periods that were mentioned, I have been listening to KALW for over 20 years and have noticed no problems with their services.

I've found KALW to be a unique source of information, it's a good alternative to the more "corporate" style of KQED (the 50,000 watt local NPR station). Though I'm in a marginal reception area, I tune in as often as possible and appreciate the diverse viewpoints.

Please don't alter KALW's license.

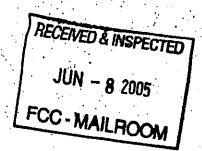
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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I am writing in support of radio station KALW. This station has meant a great deal to me and to the people of San Francisco. My first knowledge of it was in 1949 when my  $6^{th}$  grade class wrote a script about poetry and literature to be read over the air. It was near the end of the school year and Memorial Day, so my part was to recite "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row ..." That experience made a lasting impression on me – I still have the script (printed in purple Ditto ink).

To this day, my radio is tuned to 91.7 FM, KALW. It is practically my sole source of news, both foreign and domestic, programs on spirituality, race relations, politics, and nature.

The outstanding local programs and variety of offerings is extremely enriching. Please renew KALW's broadcast license.

Sincerely,

Julie Alden

1923 – 20th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116

Cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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## Thomas E. Mason

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Dear Sir:

Radio station KALW has been important to me for many years. For more than fifteen years I have supported the station as a subscriber and a volunteer. From close observation I know how much station management works to shape programming to the needs and wishes of the community. I understand service to the community is, or should be, the basis for license renewal and assuredly, I would not have spent as much time and money in support of KALW if I had not found it such a worthwhile organization.

It strikes me as curious that the challenge to the station's license would have languished so long without resolution. That the challenge has gone unresolved for eight years makes me question the importance of the matters raised in 1997. Most of the people associated with the challenge are no with the station and those who remain apparently are not as dissatisfied as they professed to be at one time.

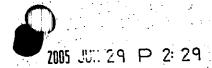
KALW presents a unique mixture of offerings. No other station in the Bay Area offers such a variety of entertainment, news and opinion programs. From blues to philosophers shedding light on contemporary concerns, from the important news of the day to local artists and thinkers, KALW has something to suit nearly every taste. It would a great loss to San Francisco and to the Bay Area if this vital voice were silenced.

Sincerely,

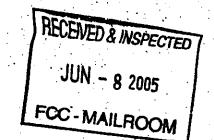
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Washington, D.C. 20554



Philip Morton 1334 1/2 Parker St. Berkeley, CA 94702 (510) 843-3427



Re: KALW

Dear FCC,

I am writing in support of renewing KALW's license. Over the past ten or fifteen years I have come to value KALW more than any other radio station in our area. It has a remarkably diverse program, and supports the communities in the Bay Area well. As a PBS station it carries a lot of the PBS material. But, in addition, it has a fairly large percentage of local programming.

Denying KALW a license would leave a large hole in our local media.

Respectfully Yours,

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June 18, 2005

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Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

## Dear Secretary:

I have been living in the Bay Area, and listening to KALW for over 20 years. I appreciate the stations' long-time dedication to developing local broadcasting, and covering local issues as no other station does.

I recommend and hope that their license is renewed so that they may continue to fill their unique niche on Bay Area radio.

Sincerely,

Dan J. Kluger

6321 Dover St #15

Oakland, CA 94609



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June 21, 2005

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

### Dear Secretary:

I have been a listening to KALW since my arrival in San Francisco in 1990; I have been a member since 1995.

KALW has been my primary source of local, state, national and international news for these fifteen years. The management and staff of KALW have gone the extra mile in providing its listeners with news and information from a wide variety of sources and points of view.

The KALW broadcast of the school board meetings of the San Francisco Unified School District, gives the citizens of San Francisco a unique in sight into the intimate operations of that important aspect of governance. That alone should insure the importance of KALW as an ongoing public institution to even the most skeptical of queries.

Further KALW provides its listeners concrete and practical information through the program "Your Legal Rights", hosted for many years by a local District Attorney who takes great care to have represented the viewpoints of both plaintiff and defendant.

I could continue this list until the Secretary glazed over with tedium but it would be grievous failure on my part if I did not mention the central importance of KALW to local culture and the arts. For example, KALW is the only radio station in the San Francisco Bay Area to do serious new programming in the western classical music tradition, this in the form of a thoroughly refreshing program called "Then and Now" which, as one might surmise from its title, surveys the origins, history and contemporary practices of that music. I qualify my particular praise of this program with the fact that generally I find Classical Music and its presentation as pompous and off putting; not so KALW.

In short KALW is a local treasure; please preserve its right to grow and develop.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Guinchard 363 Lisbon Street.

San Francisco, CA 94112

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**FCC - MAILROOM** 

RE: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

June 19, 2005

I understand that the station is coming up for licensing renewal and I want to voice my support for them.

I have been listening to KALW daily for about 15 years. Almost the entire broadcasting schedule holds interest for me. The weekend and evening music programs offer the kind of music that can be heard almost nowhere else on radio.

KALW is a constant and dear companion to me and I hope they continue to exist forever.

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Yours,

Teresa Roberts

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June19, 2005

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW (FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

### Dear Secretary:

I am very distressed to learn that KALW may lose its broadcasting license. I have been a listener and supporter of KALW for more than 20 years because it has the best programming of any radio station in my area, and that includes the public radio stations. I very rarely watch television because there's so little to watch but I listen to KALW daily because there's so much to listen to. I rely on this station for information and entertainment throughout the day.

I had been a KQED listener until I discovered KALW and it was easy switching over since KALW has so much variety to its programming. I have enjoyed every aspect of KALW from station announcers such as Joe Burke and Alan Farley to the multitude of wonderful programs: As it Happens, BBC World Service News, Selected Shorts, West Coast Live, Thistle and Shamrock, To the Best of Our Knowledge, Car Talk, Fresh Air, Bluegrass Signal, Says You, This American Life, and PRI Public Radio International to name just a few.

Please, please, I beg you, please renew KALW's broadcasting license. I'm worried enough about the government cutting federal funds for NPR and PBS without having to worry as well about KALW going off the air. This radio station has been a true companion for me for many, many years informing and enriching my life. It is truly a part of what makes living in the San Francisco Bay Area a rich experience. Please don't take that away from me.

Sincerely,

Claire Murphy 839 Key Route

Albany CA 94706

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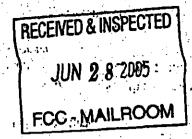
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I have been a lisbener for over 15 years and appresiate their kind of programming that reflects the needs and interests of their andreise.

The fact that about 85% of their operating budget i's paid for by members attests to their success. I like the troum of Edifion, BBC broadcasts, Car Talla and Sarah Cahill's "Then and Now" Classical Husic.

So, please make an old lady happy and rever their license!

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3949 Coolidge Ave. Oakland, CA 94602

20 June 2005

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA

MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

We strongly support the renewal of the broadcast license for KALW. We have been listening to the radio station for at least 25 years and enjoy the entertainment programming and rely on the news and information.

Donalde Wood

KALW is a wonderful example of local broadcasting with national feeds. It serves the community admirably well. Please renew its license.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen Alderfer Donald M. Wood



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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW (91.7 FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

20. June 2005

I have been listening to KALW radio since I moved to San Francisco in 1984. I have been an active member of KALW radio since 1986.

KALW radio provides me with local programming that I cannot get from any other radio or television station. In addition, I rely on the variety of programming they provide (BBC World Report, All Things Considered, As It Happens, etc.) for information and entertainment.

I truly consider this "my" radio station and strongly urge the FCC to renew their licence.

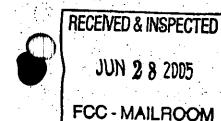
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## Guy Tiphane 508 Central Avenue, Menlo Park CA 94025

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Monday, June 20, 2005

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA

MB Docket No. 04-191

### Dear Secretary:

I am writing in support of the renewal of KALW radio's license. Almost twenty years ago, I discovered this unique radio station through the Canadian-American Chamber of Commerce. Although it has reduced its Canadian coverage since then, I have continued listening to its wide variety of programming which is superior to anything found on other radio stations in the Bay Area. Its locally-produced programs cover subjects that I have not been able to find on other stations. Some of its programs (Kumpo Beat, for example) are even produced by unpaid volunteers. KALW keeps its listeners connected with the world they live in and should be preserved at all costs.

Sincerely,

Guy Tiphane



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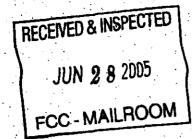
> Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

I have been a listener to and supporter of KALW (FM) for over 20 years. It is my principal source of news and information, as well as entertainment during daylight hours and while driving my car. It would be unthinkable not to be able to tune in to this valuable station. I strongly support their continued licensing.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Ballinger



Paul Larkin 924 Clark Santa Rosa CA95404 Iarkin@jps.net 21 Jun 05

Secretary Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C.

Re: Docket number 04-191

### Dear Secretary:

I am a longtime listener (over 40 years) of KALW, listening to it even as a very young child. KALW is the best station on the air. Its reportage is the most unbiased of any I have ever heard. Its broadcasters practice the highest professionalism. Its choice of programming I find highly interesting and diverse. Their staff has always been at the leading edge of finding and airing new and intriguing programs, before any other local station.

I would regard it as a mistake to remove their license. I regard the continued licensing of KALW to meet the intent of the writers of our U.S. Constitution, regarding freedom of speech, and manifesting that freedom in its best practice. KALW meets the highest standards of broadcasting. Please note that I have never met any of the KALW staff, ever, with one exception: I met Ms. Joann Mar (KALW employee) at a free local folk festival in 2004, and expressed my high satisfaction with KALW to her. I have absolutely no personal, monetary or professional ties to KALW staff or its station.

Thank you for considering my opinions.

Yours truly,

Paul Larkin